THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Central Government had announced a New Industrial Policy and other concessions for the State of Jammu & Kashmir on 14.06.2002 to accelerate industrial development of the State and boost investor confidence. The scheme provides for various fiscal incentives/concessions to the eligible industrial units. There is no proposal for an additional package for Jammu & Kashmir pending or under consideration with Central Government.

New guidelines for SEZs

†1504. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to formulate and implement the new guidelines, for bringing expediency in development of Special Economic zones (SEZs) in the country;

(b) whether Government have also decided to have dialogue and consultation with all State Governments prior to implementation of the said guidelines;

(c) whether it is a fact that 150 proposals for setting up of Special Economic Zones have been disposed of so far, and around 300 proposals are under consideration; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is governed by the provisions of SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules 2006 which have been brought into force with effect from 10th February 2006. Only the proposals duly recommended by the State Government are approved by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) After the enactment of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Act in February 2006, 237 SEZs have been granted formal approvals and in 166 cases, 'in principle' approval has been granted. Another 250

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

proposals are yet to be granted approval. State/Union Territory-wise details are as follows:—

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of SEZs for which formal approval granted	No. of cases in which 'in principle' approval granted	No. of proposals yet to be approved
1.	Andhra Pradesh	45	09	16
2.	Assam	—	—	01
3.	Bihar	—	—	01
4.	Chandigarh	02	—	01
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	02	01
6.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	01	—
7.	Delhi	01	01	02
8.	Goa	04	—	05
9.	Gujarat	18	12	18
10.	Haryana	19	27	23
11.	Himachal Pradesh	—	03	02
12.	Jharkhand	01	—	02
13.	Karnataka	29	17	36
14.	Kerala	10	02	07
15.	Madhya Pradesh	04	06	09
16.	Maharashtra	48	27	41
17.	Orissa	05	07	04
18.	Puducherry	01	—	—
19.	Punjab	04	07	04
20.	Rajasthan	03	08	05
21.	Tamil Nadu	25	12	33
22.	Uttaranchal	03	01	—
23.	Uttar Pradesh	08	10	17
24.	West Bengal	07	14	22
	Total	**237**	**166**	**250**

WTO compliant tax concessions to SEZs

1505. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: